

tenance of branch offices for certain offices in said cities, in the manner now provided by law, and that it may sit in said city in certain cases; providing limitations on the cost thereof, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 30, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 795, "An Act to amend Article 6869 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by the Acts of 1929, Forty-first Legislature, First Called Session, page 283, Chapter 113, providing for deputies in any county having a population of more than one hundred and thirty thousand (130,000) and less than one hundred and fifty thousand (150,000) inhabitants, as shown by the latest United States census, and containing two cities of fifty thousand (50,000) or more population, each, as shown by said census, said county composing two or more judicial districts, by adding Article 6869a; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the amendment herewith provided for, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

FORTY-NINTH DAY.

(Continued.)

(Friday, May 1, 1931.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe (by unanimous consent), House bill No. 1048 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Barron (by unanimous consent), Senate bill No. 609 was ordered not printed.

INVITATION TO ATTEND DANCE AT DRISKILL HOTEL.

Speaker Minor presented Senator Hornsby, who extended an invitation

to the members of the House to attend an entertainment to be given for the members of the Legislature at 8:30 o'clock p. m. next Monday at the Driskill Hotel.

On motion of Mr. Young, the House accepted the invitation.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 397, "An Act making appropriation to cover deficiencies in appropriations heretofore made for the support of the Judiciary Department of the State government of the State of Texas for the fiscal years ending August 31, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 36, "An Act validating the extension of the corporate limits of cities of more than 50,000 inhabitants, according to the last United States census, where such extension is made under the provision of any home rule charter or ordinance since the enactment of Chapter 110, General Laws of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas of 1929, etc., and declaring an emergency."

HOUSE BILL NO. 508 ON PASSAGE TO ENGROSSMENT.

The Speaker laid before the House, as pending business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 508, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations to pay the salaries of officers and employes of certain educational institutions and other expenses of maintaining and conducting them, as follows, to-wit: The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas; State Experimental Station; the North Texas Junior Agricultural College; John Tarleton Agricultural College; Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College; the University of Texas, including the Medical Branch at Galveston and the College of Mines and Metallurgy at El Paso; College of Industrial Arts; Texas Technological College; East Texas State Teachers College at Commerce; North Texas State Teachers College at Denton; Sam Houston State Teachers College

at Huntsville; Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College at Nacogdoches; the Texas College of Arts and Industries at Kingsville; Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos; Sul Ross State Teachers College at Alpine; West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon; Texas School for the Blind, and Texas School for the Deaf, for years beginning September 1, 1931, and ending August 31, 1933, and declaring an emergency."

The bill having heretofore been read second time, with (committee) amendment by Mr. Sanders, and an amendment by Mr. Sherrill to the committee amendment, pending.

The House having agreed to consider the committee amendment institution by institution, and the House having also agreed to consider the amendment by Mr. Sherrill item by item.

HOUSE BILL NO. 333 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as a special order for this hour, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 333, A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring a State policy in the acquisition, purchase, establishment, construction and maintenance of a system of State highways; providing for the transfer of such highways by any county or defined road district to the State; providing for the purchase of such highways by the State, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

(Mr. Keller in the chair.)

Mr. Stevenson offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 333 by striking out all below the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. The State having proclaimed it a responsibility of the State government to establish, control and maintain a State system of public highways, it is hereby declared the policy of the State to provide for the acquisition, ownership, establishment, construction and maintenance of all designated State highways from an independent source of income exclusive of the revenues of the State

derived from property taxes, adequate in amount for the purchase, establishment and maintenance of such designated State highways, and to pay an adequate and fair consideration for such designated State highways as have been heretofore acquired conditionally from the respective counties of this State and the defined road districts in the counties of this State; and to make such acquisitions of such designated State highways by the State, in law and in equity, certain and definite, and to provide for the advancement of construction of such highways at a rate reasonably responsive to the public necessity for increasing the highway facilities, and to provide for the efficient preservation of such highways when so purchased, established and constructed; and it is further declared as a policy that in the provision of such sources of income to the State highway funds for the purchase, acquisition, establishment, construction and maintenance of the system of designated State highways, recognition be given the principle that the traffic using such highways should bear the cost of providing for the ownership, establishment and maintenance of such highways and traffic facilities and that property be relieved of the burden of this public improvement.

Sec. 2. The Legislature having determined on a matter of fact that the transfer of such roads, roadbeds, rights of way, bridges, culverts and other appurtenances to a highway belonging, by any county or defined road district of any county, in this State, now a part of the system of designated State highways, or which will be a part of said system at the time of the taking effect of this act, constitutes a valuable consideration running to the State and for which the State is morally obligated to pay a fair and adequate compensation out of the State highway funds derived from the gasoline or other fuel tax, it is hereby determined that a fair and adequate compensation for such roads as are, at the effective date of this act, a part of the system of designated State highways, is the amount outstanding bonded indebtedness which such county or defined road district in any such county, respectively, is owing for money actually expended in the construction of the roads, roadbeds, rights of way, bridges and culverts constituting such

part of the system of designated State highways acquired by law or so transferred to the State by any such county or defined road district of any county, less the amount of any accumulated sinking fund against any such bonded indebtedness; it being also determined that the use of such highways by such county and or defined road districts is equivalent to that portion of the cost of construction of such highway which has heretofore been paid in cash by such county or defined road district; and that the net value of any such highway for which the State highway funds which should be used in the future to discharge is the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness of such county or defined road district against such part of the system of designated State highways so acquired by or transferred to the State; such indebtedness being determined as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 3. The State Comptroller of Public Accounts, the chairman of the State Highway Commission and the Attorney General of the State are hereby constituted a Board of County and District Road Bond Indebtedness, to ascertain from the records of the Highway Department and the records of the respective counties, and the records of the State Comptroller, the amount of the outstanding bonded indebtedness for roads of the counties and of the defined road districts in the different counties, the proceeds of which bonded obligations have been expended in the construction of roads that are at the effective date of this act a part of the system of designated State highways, or which have at any time heretofore been designated as State highways by the Highway Commission. Whenever the proceeds of bonded obligations have been expended in part on designated State highways and in part on roads not part of the system of designated State highways, the said Board shall determine that portion of said bonded indebtedness actually expended in the construction of designated State highways within the meaning of this act, and only such portion so expended on designated State highways shall be considered in ascertaining the total amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness for redemption as provided in Section 4 hereof. A list shall be compiled by said Board showing the amount so ascertained

to be outstanding of road bonded indebtedness for each county and defined road district, and a copy thereof furnished to each county judge in this State.

Sec. 4. Upon the determination of the amount of outstanding bonded indebtedness of the counties and of the defined road districts in the State issued and expended in the building of roads that are a part of the system of designated State highways upon the effective date of this act, as provided in Section 3 hereof, the said Board shall certify to the State Treasurer the amount of the interest and sinking fund required to redeem all of the bonds evidencing such bonded indebtedness, less the amount of the sinking funds now accumulated in the respective counties and defined road districts, and the sum necessary to pay interest and principal maturing on said bonds for the fiscal years 1931 and 1932, and there is hereby appropriated out of the revenues derived from the tax on gasoline and other sources of income to such highway funds the sum of \$6,000,000 for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1931, and the sum of \$6,000,000 for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1932, or so much of said amounts as may be necessary to pay the interest and sinking fund required to be paid on such bonded indebtedness for said years, which may include maturities on any serial bonds during said years; and as payments of interest and principal become due upon any such bonds, including bonds with serial maturities for said years, the State Comptroller of Public Accounts shall issue his warrant to the State Treasurer for the payment thereof. All said coupons and bonds paid under the provisions of this act when so paid shall be cancelled and preserved by the State Treasurer for at least five years after such payments. If the sums hereby appropriated be insufficient to meet the required payments for said years on said bonded indebtedness, then the amount appropriated herein shall be paid ratably on said indebtedness. All amounts paid under the provisions of this act for any county or defined road district shall be immediately certified by the Treasurer to the county clerk of such county.

Sec. 5. Expenses necessary to be incurred in the determination of the

bonded indebtedness of the counties and defined road districts of the State in the construction of designated State highways, and in the discharge of the duties devolved for the payment of such bonded obligations shall be paid from the State highway funds, upon approval of the said Board, by warrant of the State Comptroller.

Sec. 6. If succeeding Legislatures shall carry out the policy herein defined by authorizing a similar appropriation of State highway funds, from time to time, then whenever the interest and principal necessary to retire the outstanding bonded indebtedness owing for designated State highways, shall have been fully paid as herein provided, for any county or defined road district according to the provisions of this act, then and in that event the title and possession of all roads, roadbeds, rights of way, bridges and culverts in such county or defined road district which are included in the system of designated State highways shall automatically vest in fee simple in the State of Texas, and in the event of any subsequent physical change therein such title and possession shall extend to any such change so made.

Sec. 7. No provision of this act shall ever be so construed as to authorize the giving or lending of the credit of the State to any county or defined road district, or to pledge the credit of the State in any manner whatever for the payment of the outstanding road bond indebtedness herein provided for. It is not the intent of the Legislature to assume the payment of any outstanding road indebtedness, but only to make provisions for application of highway funds for the current two-year period, to pay the interest on same, whether annual or semi-annual, and a sufficient amount of the principal, whether by serial maturities or sinking fund to retire said road bond indebtedness at the respective maturities thereof, which shall be paid annually out of State highway funds, in the event the policy herein declared shall be continued by succeeding Legislatures, so long as the special funds of the State Highway Commission, derived from the gasoline tax or other fuel tax, are available for such purposes, and only so long as the necessity for such payments continue to exist and succeeding Leg-

islatures shall make provision therefor. It is not the intent of the Legislature to relieve any county or any defined road district of its present liability for the payment of its outstanding road bonded indebtedness or to impose upon the State any obligation to assume the payment thereof. Any contractual relation which may exist with the owner or holder of the present outstanding bonded indebtedness of any such county or defined road district shall not be in any manner disturbed or impaired. Any tax heretofore provided for to be levied in support of any present outstanding bonded indebtedness affected by the provisions of this act shall continue to be assessed, levied and collected as originally provided, lessened and reduced, however, by the payments made thereon and in behalf of such indebtedness out of the special highway funds as herein provided for the current two-year period, and as succeeding Legislatures shall make provision therefor.

Sec. 8. The fact that counties and defined road districts of this State should be compensated for the roads which have been taken by the State into the designated system of State highways and that such compensation cannot be obtained without the passage of this act, and the lateness in the session and the crowded condition of the calendar, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in both houses be suspended, and such rule is hereby suspended, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Question—Shall the amendment by Mr. Stevenson be adopted?

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 1, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 481, A bill to be entitled

"An Act regulating the patenting of lands formerly a part of Oklahoma, but awarded to the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of the State of Oklahoma vs. the State of Texas, United States of America, intervenor, which are now situated in Lipscomb, Hemphill, Wheeler, Collingsworth and Childress counties; providing for the validating of titles thereto, and the means and manner thereof; providing for the keeping of records and the filing of instruments affecting title thereto, and for the admission of the same in evidence; providing for the adoption of rules and regulations by the Land Commissioner, and generally for the enforcement hereof; making an appropriation for the purposes hereof; providing the effective date hereof, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 582, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the State Treasurer to employ four extra clerks instead of three as authorized by House bill No. 398, passed at the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 609, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6066 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,
BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Beck gave notice that he would, on tomorrow, move to take up, for consideration at that time, House bill No. 188, which bill had heretofore been laid on the table subject to call.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Dimmit, the House, at 12 o'clock m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m., and was called to order by the Speaker.

INVITATION TO ATTEND WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONVENTION.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read the following communication:

House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, May 1, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: The West Texas Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual convention in Lubbock, Texas, on May 14, 15 and 16. This organization is one of the leading institutions devoted to the advancement of West Texas and of the entire State. This convention will be an outstanding event of its year's work and one of the most important gatherings held in the State of Texas during the year 1931.

There will be considered at this convention many important questions of State-wide importance, including many matters affecting legislation and the policy of State government.

The Hon. Ross S. Sterling, Governor of the State of Texas, and the Hon. Tom Connally, a United States Senator, will be in attendance at this convention and will deliver addresses. The citizens of West Texas and of the city of Lubbock, where said convention is to be held, would feel highly honored to have as their guests in attendance at said convention both the Speaker of the House and the other members of the House of Representatives of the State of Texas.

The citizens of Lubbock and of West Texas trust that you and the members of the House will find it convenient to be with them on this occasion.

Cordially,
G. E. LOCKHART,

Representative, One Hundred and Nineteenth District.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 625.

Mr. Burns of McCulloch submitted the following conference committee report on House bill No. 625:

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, May 1, 1931.

To the Hon. Edgar E. Witt, President of the Senate, and Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Gentlemen: We, your free conference committee appointed to consider

and adjust the differences between the Senate and House on House bill No. 625, have met and carefully considered the bill, with Senate amendments, and beg leave to report the following:

H. B. No. 625. Burns of McCulloch.

A BILL

To Be Entitled

An Act amending Section 56, Acts of the Fifth Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, requiring a trapper's license, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 56 of the Acts of the Fifth Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, relating to and providing for the licensing of trappers, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

"Any person over the age of 17 years who takes or attempts to take the pelt or pelts of any of the fur-bearing animals of this State for the purpose of barter or sale, except persons who take the pelt or pelts of fur-bearing animals from their own land or land on which such persons reside, before doing so shall procure a trapper's license. If the trapper has been a resident of this State for twelve (12) months before applying for such license, he shall pay for such license the sum of one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10), ten cents (10c) of which shall be retained by the officer issuing the license. If he has not been a resident of this State for twelve (12) months prior to applying for such license, he shall pay for a non-resident trapper's license the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25). Such license shall be issued by the Game, Fish and Oyster Commission and shall be available on and after September 1 of each year, and shall expire August 31 of the following year. All trappers' licenses shall have blanks for the name of the trapper, his place of residence, age, height, weight, color of eyes and color of hair."

Sec. 2. The fact that the existing law deprives many people of the inherent right to use their own land as they see fit, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring all bills to be read in each house on

three several days be, and the same is, hereby suspended and this act shall take effect from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Respectfully submitted,

WOODRUFF,
BERKELEY,
HORNSBY,
SMALL,
WOODWARD,

On the part of the Senate;

BURNS of McCulloch,
McDOUGALD,
STEVENSON,
MOORE,
LASSETER,

On the part of the House.

On motion of Mr. Burns of McCulloch, the report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—111.

Adams of Jasper.	Greathouse.
Adamson.	Grogan.
Akin.	Hanson.
Albritton.	Hardy.
Alsup.	Harman.
Anderson.	Harrison
Baker.	of El Paso.
Barron.	Harrison
Beck.	of Waller.
Bounds.	Hefley.
Boyd.	Herzik.
Bradley.	Holder.
Brice.	Holland.
Brooks.	Holloway.
Burns of Walker.	Hoskins.
Burns	Howsley.
of McCulloch.	Hughes.
Carpenter.	Jackson.
Caven.	Johnson
Claunch.	of Dimmit.
Coombes.	Johnson of Morris.
Cox of Lamar.	Jones of Shelby.
Cox of Limestone.	Kayton.
Dale.	Kennedy.
Daniel.	Lasseter.
Davis.	Lemens.
DeWolfe.	Lilley.
Dodd.	Lockhart.
Dunlap.	Long.
Dwyer.	McDougald.
Elliott.	McGill.
Engelhard.	McGregor.
Farrar.	Magee.
Ferguson.	Mehl.
Fisher.	Metcalfe.
Forbes.	Moffett.
Ford.	Moore.
Fuchs.	Munson.
Gilbert.	Murphy.
Giles.	Nicholson.
Goodman.	Olsen.
Graves.	O'Quinn.

Patterson.	Stevenson.
Petsch.	Steward.
Pope.	Strong.
Ramsey.	Sullivant.
Ratliff.	Tarwater.
Ray.	Terrell
Richardson.	of Cherokee.
Rogers.	Towery.
Satterwhite.	Veatch.
Savage.	Wagstaff.
Scott.	Walker.
Shelton.	Warwick.
Sherrill.	West of Coryell.
Smith of Bastrop.	Westbrook.
Smith of Wood.	Wyatt.
Stephens.	Young.

Present—Not Voting.

Bryant.	Farmer.
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Absent.

Adams of Harris.	Keller.
Adkins.	Laird.
Bedford.	Lee.
Bond.	Leonard.
Coltrin.	McCombs.
Cunningham.	Martin.
Donnell.	Mathis.
Dowell.	Rountree.
Duval.	Sanders.
Finn.	Sparkman.
Hatchitt.	Terrell
Hill.	of Val Verde.
Hines.	Turner.
Hubbard.	Van Zandt.
Johnson	Vaughan.
of Dallam.	Weinert.
Jones of Atascosa.	West of Cameron.
Justiss.	Wiggs.

Absent—Excused.

Morse.	Reader.
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HOUSE BILL NO. 333 ON PAS- SAGE TO ENGROSSMENT.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 333, relative to the purchase, establishment, construction and maintenance of a State system of highways, the bill having heretofore been read second time, with amendment by Mr. Stevenson, pending.

Mr. Satterwhite offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the amendment to House bill No. 333, page 4, lines 1 and 2, Section 4 of the amendment, by striking out the figures "\$6,000,000" and substituting in lieu thereof in each line the following: "five million dollars (\$5,000,000)."

(Pending consideration of the amendments, Mr. McGill occupied the chair temporarily.)

(Speaker in the chair.)

Question first recurring on the amendment by Mr. Satterwhite to the amendment, it was adopted.

Question recurring on the amendment by Mr. Stevenson, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent of the House, the caption of the bill was ordered amended to conform to all changes made in the body of the bill.

House bill No. 333 was then passed to engrossment by the following vote:

Yeas—63.

Akin.	Harman.
Baker.	Hefley.
Barron.	Hines.
Beck.	Holloway.
Bond.	Hoskins.
Bounds.	Kennedy.
Brice.	Laird.
Brooks.	Leonard.
Bryant.	Long.
Burns of Walker.	Moffett.
Claunch.	Olsen.
Coombes.	Pope.
Cox of Limestone.	Ramsey.
Dale.	Ray.
Davis.	Richardson.
DeWolfe.	Rogers.
Dodd.	Satterwhite.
Donnell.	Scott.
Elliott.	Sherrill.
Engelhard.	Smith of Bastrop.
Farmer.	Smith of Wood.
Farrar.	Sparkman.
Ferguson.	Stephens.
Fisher.	Stevenson.
Forbes.	Tarwater.
Fuchs.	Terrell
Giles.	of Cherokee.
Goodman.	Vaughan.
Graves.	Veatch.
Greathouse.	West of Coryell.
Hanson.	Wiggs.
Hardy.	Young.

Nays—48.

Adams of Jasper.	Ford.
Adamson.	Gilbert.
Boyd.	Grogan.
Bradley.	Harrison
Burns	of El Paso.
of McCulloch.	Hill.
Carpenter.	Holder.
Caven.	Holland.
Cox of Lamar.	Howsley.
Daniel.	Hubbard.
Dwyer.	Hughes.

Johnson	Murphy.
of Dallam.	Patterson.
Johnson	Petsch.
of Dimmit.	Ratliff.
Johnson of Morris.	Rountree.
Jones of Shelby.	Sanders.
Keller.	Savage.
Lemens.	Steward.
Lilley.	Strong.
Lockhart.	Sullivant.
McCombs.	Towery.
McGill.	Turner.
Magee.	Wagstaff.
Mehl.	Warwick.
Munson.	Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Albritton.	McGregor.
Alsup.	Shelton.
Lasseter.	Wyatt.

Absent.

Adams of Harris.	Justiss.
Adkins.	Kayton.
Anderson.	Lee.
Bedford.	McDougald.
Coltrin.	Martin.
Cunningham.	Mathis.
Dowell.	Metcalf.
Dunlap.	Moore.
Duvall.	Nicholson.
Finn.	O'Quinn.
Harrison	Terrell
of Waller.	of Val Verde.
Hatchitt.	Van Zandt.
Herzik.	Walker.
Jackson.	Weinert.
Jones of Atascosa.	West of Cameron.

Absent—Excused.

Morse.	Reader.
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Paired.

Mr. Wyatt (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Martin (absent), who would vote "nay"

Mr. Shelton (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Cunningham (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Lasseter (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. West of Cameron (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Albritton (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Lee (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Alsup (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Van Zandt (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. McGregor (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Jackson (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Stevenson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 333 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. DeWolfe moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that House bill No. 333 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—105.

Adams of Jasper.	Hines.
Adamson.	Holloway.
Akin.	Hoskins.
Albritton.	Howsley.
Alsup.	Hubbard.
Baker.	Hughes.
Barron.	Johnson
Beck.	of Dallam.
Bond.	Johnson
Bounds.	of Dimmit.
Boyd.	Jones of Shelby.
Brice.	Keller.
Brooks.	Kennedy.
Bryant.	Laird.
Burns of Walker.	Lasseter.
Claunch.	Lemens.
Coombes.	Leonard.
Cox of Lamar.	Lilley.
Cox of Limestone.	Lockhart.
Dale.	Long.
Davis.	McGill.
DeWolfe.	McGregor.
Dodd.	Magee.
Donnell.	Mehl.
Dwyer.	Metcalf.
Elliott.	Moffett.
Engelhard.	Munson.
Farmer.	Murphy.
Farrar.	Olsen.
Ferguson.	O'Quinn.
Finn.	Patterson.
Fisher.	Petsch.
Forbes.	Pope.
Ford.	Ramsey.
Fuchs.	Ratliff.
Gilbert.	Ray.
Giles.	Richardson.
Goodman.	Rogers.
Graves.	Rountree.
Greathouse.	Sanders.
Hanson.	Satterwhite.
Hardy.	Savage.
Harman.	Scott.
Harrison	Shelton.
of El Paso.	Sherrill.
Hefley.	Sparkman.
Hill.	Stephens.

Stevenson.	Veatch.
Steward.	Wagstaff.
Sullivant.	Warwick.
Tarwater.	West of Coryell.
Terrell	Westbrook.
of Cherokee.	Wiggs.
Towery.	Young.
Turner.	

Nays—12.

Bradley.	Holder.
Burns	Holland.
of McCulloch.	Johnson of Morris.
Carpenter.	McCombs.
Caven.	Smith of Bastrop.
Daniel.	Strong.
Grogan.	

Absent.

Adams of Harris.	Kayton.
Adkins.	Lee.
Anderson.	McDougald.
Bedford.	Martin.
Coltrin.	Mathis.
Cunningham.	Moore.
Dowell.	Nicholson.
Dunlap.	Smith of Wood.
Duvall.	Terrell
Harrison	of Val Verde.
of Waller.	Van Zandt.
Hatchitt.	Vaughan.
Herzik.	Walker.
Jackson.	Weinert.
Jones of Atascosa.	West of Cameron.
Justiss.	Wyatt.

Absent—Excused.

Morse.	Reader.
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The Speaker then laid House bill No. 333 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—67.

Adamson.	Engelhard.
Akin.	Farmer.
Alsup.	Farrar.
Baker.	Ferguson.
Barron.	Fisher.
Bond.	Forbes.
Bounds.	Fuchs.
Brice.	Giles.
Brooks.	Goodman.
Bryant.	Graves.
Burns of Walker.	Greathouse.
Claunch.	Hanson.
Coombes.	Hardy.
Cox of Limestone.	Harman.
Dale.	Harrison
Davis.	of El Paso.
DeWolfe.	Hefley.
Dodd.	Hines.
Donnell.	Holloway.
Elliott.	Hoskins.

Keller.	Scott.
Kennedy.	Sherrill.
Laird.	Smith of Bastrop.
Leonard.	Smith of Wood.
Long.	Sparkman.
Mehl.	Stephens.
Metcalf.	Stevenson.
Moffett.	Tarwater.
Olsen.	Terrell
Pope.	of Cherokee.
Ramsey.	Veatch.
Ray.	West of Coryell.
Richardson.	Wiggs.
Rogers.	Young.
Satterwhite.	

Nays—45.

Adams of Jasper.	Lemens.
Beck.	Lilley.
Boyd.	Lockhart.
Bradley.	McCombs.
Burns	McGill.
of McCulloch.	Magee.
Carpenter.	Munson.
Caven.	Murphy.
Cox of Lamar.	O'Quinn.
Daniel.	Patterson.
Dwyer.	Petsch.
Ford.	Ratliff.
Gilbert.	Rountree.
Grogan.	Sanders.
Hill.	Savage.
Holder.	Steward.
Holland.	Strong.
Howsley.	Sullivant.
Hubbard.	Towery.
Hughes.	Turner.
Johnson	Wagstaff.
of Dimmit.	Warwick.
Johnson of Morris.	Westbrook.
Jones of Shelby.	

Present—Not Voting.

Albritton.	Shelton.
Lasseter.	Wyatt.
McGregor.	

Absent.

Adams of Harris.	Jones of Atascosa.
Adkins.	Justiss.
Anderson.	Kayton.
Bedford.	Lee.
Coltrin.	McDougald.
Cunningham.	Martin.
Dowell.	Mathis.
Dunlap.	Moore.
Duvall.	Nicholson.
Finn.	Terrell
Harrison	of Val Verde.
of Waller.	Van Zandt.
Hatchitt.	Vaughan.
Herzik.	Walker.
Jackson.	Weinert.
Johnson	West of Cameron.
of Dallam.	

Absent—Excused.

Morse.	Reader.
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Paired.

Mr. Albritton (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Lee (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Shelton (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Cunningham (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Lasseter (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. West of Cameron (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Wyatt (present), who would vote "yea," with Mr. Martin (absent), who would vote "nay."

Mr. Stevenson moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and to table the motion to reconsider. The motion to table prevailed.

Reasons for Vote.

We note "nay" on House bill No. 333 for the reason that in our opinion it is clearly unconstitutional and, therefore, affords no relief to the counties now burdened with road bonds.

WESTBROOK,
LOCKHART,
JOHNSON of Morris,
GILBERT,
HOWSLEY,
DANIEL,
WAGSTAFF,
LILLEY,
FORD,
GROGAN.

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Olsen, House bill No. 46 was set as a special order for 9 o'clock a. m., Saturday, May 2.

**BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
SIGNED BY THE
SPEAKER.**

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills and resolutions:

S. B. No. 359, "An Act amending Section 4 of Article 8307 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, relating to the administrative authority of the Industrial Accident Board to the examination of any employe by a physician or physicians of the Board or of the association at reasonable times and places, and authorizing the Board to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths,

inquire into matters of fact, punish for contempt, examine records of parties to a proceeding, and to bar persons guilty of unethical or fraudulent conduct from practicing before the Board, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 103, "An Act for the control and prevention of malaria; prescribing the duties of the State Board of Health in reference thereto; making an appropriation, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 153, "An Act amending Article 287 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1925, as amended by Chapter 139 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, so as to repeal that portion of the State law prohibiting the operation of moving picture shows and theaters on Sunday in this State in any incorporated city or town after 1 p. m.; empowering the city council or city commissioners of such cities or towns by proper ordinance to prohibit or regulate the keeping open or showing of such moving picture shows or theaters on Sunday; providing that should any part or portion of this act be declared unconstitutional by a court of the last resort in this State, it shall not affect the remainder of the act, and declaring an emergency."

S. C. R. No. 44, Relative to address by the Hon. Ed P. Costigan.

S. C. R. No. 41, Relative to arrangements for address by the Hon. Ed P. Costigan.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, May 1, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted

H. C. R. No. 53, Designating the second week in January of each year "soil and water conservation week" without declaring a holiday.

Respectfully,
BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

**RELATING TO CONSIDERATION
OF CERTAIN BILLS.**

The House (by unanimous consent), agreed to take up and consider House bills on third reading at this time.

HOUSE BILL NO. 27 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 27, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing a means of assisting tenant farmers to acquire homes; providing for a fund to be raised from private donations to be known as the Tenant Farmer Foundation Fund, to be administered by a State commission composed of the Governor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of the General Land Office and certain other persons, said fund to be used to purchase land and sell same to tenant farmers on long time at a low rate of interest, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 52 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3531 of Chapter 19, Title 54, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, relating to the classification of claims against an estate so as to fix the classification and priority of claims based on liens against property as of the date immediately before the death of the decedent; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 116 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 116, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3690, of Chapter 29, Title 54, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, so as to provide that no commissions shall be allowed or received for receiving any cash which was on hand at the time of the death of the testator or intestate, nor for paying out money to the heirs or legatees as such, except upon the equity of mortgaged property in case any of the property of such testator or intestate was mortgaged at the time of his or her death; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, May 1, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 614, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation out of the general revenue of the State of Texas, not otherwise appropriated, as an emergency to continue the work of tuberculin tests of cattle, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Lemens gave notice that he would, on tomorrow, move to take up, for consideration at that time, House bill No. 605, which bill had heretofore been laid on the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1036 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 1036, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending House bill No. 97, passed by the Fourth Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature, Chapter 23, page 43, of the Fourth and Fifth Called Sessions of the Forty-first Legislature, repealing all laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Mr. Speaker.	Burns of Walker.
Adams of Jasper.	Carpenter.
Adamson.	Claunch.
Adkins.	Cox of Lamar.
Akin.	Cox of Limestone.
Albritton.	Davis.
Alsup.	DeWolfe.
Baker.	Dodd.
Beck.	Donnell.
Bond.	Dowell.
Bounds.	Dunlap.
Boyd.	Elliott.
Brooks.	Engelhard.
Bryant.	Farrar.
Burns	Ferguson.
of McCulloch.	Finn.

Fisher.	Moffett.
Forbes.	Munson.
Ford.	Murphy.
Fuchs.	Olsen.
Gilbert.	O'Quinn.
Goodman.	Patterson.
Graves.	Petsch.
Greathouse.	Pope.
Grogan.	Ratliff.
Harman.	Ray.
Harrison	Richardson.
of El Paso.	Rountree.
Harrison	Sanders.
of Waller.	Satterwhite.
Hill.	Savage.
Hines.	Shelton.
Holder.	Sherrill.
Holland.	Smith of Bastrop.
Holloway.	Smith of Wood.
Howsley.	Sparkman.
Johnson	Stephens.
of Dimmit.	Stevenson.
Johnson of Morris.	Steward.
Jones of Shelby.	Strong.
Keller.	Sullivant.
Kennedy.	Tarwater.
Laird.	Terrell
Lasseter.	of Cherokee.
Lee.	Towery.
Lemens.	Turner.
Lilley.	Veatch.
Lockhart.	Wagstaff.
Long.	Walker.
McCombs.	Warwick.
McDougald.	West of Coryell.
Magee.	Westbrook.
Mehl.	

Present—Not Voting.

Farmer.

Absent.

Adams of Harris.	Johnson
Anderson.	of Dallam.
Barron.	Jones of Atascosa.
Bedford.	Justiss.
Bradley.	Kayton.
Brice.	Leonard.
Caven.	McGill.
Coltrin.	McGregor.
Coombes.	Martin.
Cunningham.	Mathis.
Dale.	Metcalfe.
Daniel.	Moore.
Duvall.	Nicholson.
Dwyer.	Ramsey.
Giles.	Rogers.
Hanson.	Scott.
Hardy.	Terrell
Hatchitt.	of Val Verde.
Hefley.	Van Zandt.
Herzik.	Vaughan.
Hoskins.	Weinert.
Hubbard.	West of Cameron.
Hughes.	Wiggs.
Jackson.	Wyatt.
	Young.

Absent—Excused.

Morse.

Reader.

HOUSE BILL NO. 120 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage, H. B. No. 120, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2237, 2238 and 2239 of the 1925 Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, by providing that where the ruling of the court upon the admission or exclusion of evidence is shown by the transcript or statement of facts, and where the objections and exceptions are likewise shown, no formal bill of exception shall be necessary, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Mr. Speaker.	Harman.
Adams of Jasper.	Harrison
Adamson.	of El Paso.
Adkins.	Harrison
Akin.	of Waller.
Albritton.	Hefley.
Alsup.	Hines.
Baker.	Holder.
Beck.	Holland.
Bond.	Holloway.
Bounds.	Howsley.
Boyd.	Johnson
Brooks.	of Dallam.
Bryant.	Johnson
Burns of Walker.	of Dimmit.
Burns	Johnson of Morris.
of McCulloch.	Jones of Shelby.
Carpenter.	Keller.
Claunch.	Kennedy.
Coombes.	Laird.
Cox of Lamar.	Lasseter.
Cox of Limestone.	Lemens.
Davis.	Lilley.
DeWolfe.	Lockhart.
Dodd.	Long.
Donnell.	McCombs.
Dowell.	McDougald.
Dunlap.	Magee.
Engelhard.	Mehl.
Farmer.	Moffett.
Farrar.	Munson.
Ferguson.	Murphy.
Fisher.	Olsen.
Forbes.	O'Quinn.
Ford.	Petsch.
Fuchs.	Pope.
Gilbert.	Ratliff.
Goodman.	Ray.
Graves.	Richardson.
Greathouse.	Rountree.
Grogan.	Sanders.

Satterwhite.	Sullivant.
Savage.	Tarwater.
Scott.	Terrell.
Shelton.	of Cherokee.
Sherrill.	Towery.
Smith of Bastrop.	Turner.
Smith of Wood.	Vaughan.
Sparkman.	Veatch.
Stephens.	Wagstaff.
Stevenson.	Walker.
Steward.	Warwick.
Strong.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Adams of Harris.	Jones of Atascosa.
Anderson.	Justiss.
Barron.	Kayton.
Bedford.	Lee.
Bradley.	Leonard.
Brice.	McGill.
Caven.	McGregor.
Coltrin.	Martin.
Cunningham.	Mathis.
Dale.	Metcalfe.
Daniel.	Moore.
Duvall.	Nicholson.
Dwyer.	Patterson.
Elliott.	Ramsey.
Finn.	Rogers.
Giles.	Terrell.
Hanson.	of Val Verde.
Hardy.	Van Zandt.
Hatchitt.	Weinert.
Herzik.	West of Coryell.
Hill.	West of Cameron.
Hoskins.	Wiggs.
Hubbard.	Wyatt.
Hughes.	Young.
Jackson.	

Absent—Excused.

Morse.

Reader.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1019, WITH
SENATE AMENDMENTS.

Mr. Keller called up from the Speaker's table, with Senate amendments, for consideration of the amendments,

H. B. No. 1019, A bill to be entitled "An Act limiting the amount of white perch, crappie or bass that may lawfully be taken in one day from the public fresh waters of Dallas county, Texas; prescribing penalties for violating this act, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and the Senate amendments were read.

Mr. Keller moved that the House do not concur in the Senate amendments, and that a free conference

committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two houses on the bill.

The motion prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 141 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 141, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 287 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1925, so as to require the fixing and approving of bail bonds without necessity of suing out of writ of habeas corpus, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr Keller offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 141 by adding to end of Section 1 the following: "Provided, no officer shall receive any fees for such services herewith."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 141 was then passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 163 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 163, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Articles 5521 and 5523, and amending Article 5520, Chapter 1, Title 91, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, relating to vendor's lien, mortgage lien, and deed of trust notes secured by lien on real estate, providing time and manner of the running of limitation thereon, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 375 ON THIRD
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 375, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 304, page 678 et seq., of the Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, so as to include onion and spinach seed and include in addition to the other data to be shown the year in which such seed were grown, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 453 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 453, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Acts of 1927, Fortieth Legislature, First Called Session, page 131, Chapter 42, Section 2, providing for the appointment of three additional members of the State Board of Health; prescribing the qualifications of such additional members; providing the terms of office, fixing their compensation, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 631 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 631, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2 of Article 2135, Revised Statutes, 1925, so as to provide that all civil officers of this State and of the United States other than first and second class postmasters shall be exempt from jury service; and to amend Section 9 of said article so as to provide for the exemption from jury service active members of organized fire companies in towns and cities of 1,500 population, except where such town or city has one or more paid firemen, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 658 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 658, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate all personal, physical, mental endurance contests in public competition for prizes and awards and admission fees; prescribing penalties, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 718 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 718, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 5 of Article 8307, Title 130, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and Acts of

the Fortieth Legislature, Chapter 223, 1927, commonly known and referred to as the Workmen's Compensation Act, providing that the Industrial Accident Board shall furnish, upon request, any interested party a certified copy of the employer's notice of becoming a subscriber, which shall be admissible in evidence in any court and be prima facie proof of all the facts stated in such notice, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 737 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 737, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1019 and Article 1027 of 1925 Code of Criminal Procedure, providing that no costs shall be paid by the State where the defendant is indicted for a felony and his punishment assessed by a fine or imprisonment in jail or convicted of a misdemeanor, and that all costs thus incurred shall be taxed and collected as in misdemeanor cases; also providing that all officers shall return to the State Treasurer a sum of money equal to the amount he received from the State in such cases and their bondsmen shall be liable for such sum, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 762 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 762, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the increase of premium and/or rates to be collected after twenty years of continuous membership in any fraternal benefit societies, as provided for in Chapter 8."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Savage offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 762 by adding at the end of Section 1, "provided, however, that after any certificate or policy has been in effect five years, the rate shall not under any circumstances be raised."

The amendment was adopted.

By unanimous consent of the House, the caption of the bill was ordered amended to conform to all changes made in the body of the bill.

House bill No. 762 was then passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 654 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 654, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring any party, offering or quoting for sale certain perishable farm products, to quote the quantity of the commodity actually offered and providing that no party shall so offer or quote for sale any such commodity except the owner or such other party as may be duly authorized, in writing, and that no offering or quotation shall be made by any party unless such commodity is, in fact, then in physical existence in the quantity offered and ready for bona fide sale and delivery by such party; and providing penalties for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Johnson of Dimmit offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 654 by striking out the following words at the end of Section 1: "ready for bona fide sale and delivery by the party offering or quoting the same for sale."

LASSETER,
JOHNSON of Dimmit.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 654 was then passed.

SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

Senate bill No. 614, to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senate bill No. 481, to the Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

Senate bill No. 609, to the Committee on Common Carriers.

Senate bill No. 582, to the Committee on Appropriations.

HOUSE BILL NO. 988 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 988, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing counties and incorporated cities and the Texas State Park Boards, separately, or in co-operation with each other, to acquire by gift or purchase land for public parks; authorizing the issuance of bonds and levy of taxes therefor; providing for control and operation of such parks, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1011 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 1011, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing independent school districts, by the exercise of the right of eminent domain, to acquire the title to streets and alleys for certain purposes under certain prescribed rules and regulations, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1030 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 1030, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the transfer of causes from the Courts of Civil Appeals by the Supreme Court when two or more judges of the Court of Civil Appeals are disqualified or when one judge is disqualified and the other two judges are unable to agree upon a disposition of the case; prescribing duties of certain officers; repealing conflicting laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 819 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 819, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Port Arthur, Texas, all rights, title and interest of the State of Texas to certain land lying and being situated in and under the waters of Lake Sabine, and granting to said city of Port Arthur, Texas, the right, power and authority to fill in and upon such submerged land with sand, dredge spoil or other material, and

granting to said city of Port Arthur the right to take from Lake Sabine such sand, dredge spoil or other material as may be necessary or desirable for such filling, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time, and was passed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1033 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 1033, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1107, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925, by adding thereto a new paragraph, so as to authorize incorporated cities or towns to exercise the right of eminent domain to condemn private property for airport purposes, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

SENATE BILL NO. 586 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to third reading,

S. B. No. 586, A bill to be entitled "An Act (1) to amend Section 14 of Chapter . . of the Acts of the Forty-first Legislature of Texas, Regular Session, and clarifying the intent of said Section 14 as the same would relate to Section 132 of Chapter 25 of the Acts of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 1042 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 1042, A bill to be entitled "An Act validating the conversion of all navigation districts converted from navigation districts under the provisions of Section 52 of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas into navigation districts under the provisions of Section 59 of Article 16, of the State Constitution, since the taking effect of Chapter 103, Acts of the Forty-first Legislature, First Called Session, 1929, under the provisions of Section 1 of said act, rati-

fying, approving, confirming and validating all proceedings with reference to said conversion, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Coombes, the House, at 6:15 o'clock p. m., took recess to 9 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committees have filed favorable reports on bills, as follows:

Conservation and Reclamation: House bill No. 1045.

Judicial Districts: House bill No. 1048.

Public Lands and Buildings: House bill No. 1044, and Senate bill No. 610.

Claims and Accounts: House bill No. 805.

Education: House bills Nos. 1039, 1047, 1046 and 197; Senate bill No. 202.

Insurance: Senate bill No. 218.

Highways and Motor Traffic: Senate bill No. 567.

The following committees have filed adverse reports on bills, as follows:

Insurance: House bill No. 233.

Education: House concurrent resolution No. 23.

The Committee on Education filed an adverse report, with a minority favorable report, on House bill No. 214.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, April 30, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, to whom was referred

H. J. R. No. 21, Proposing amendments to Sections 14 and 16, of Article VIII, of the Constitution of Texas, combining the offices of tax collector and tax assessor of taxes; providing the time and manner thereof; providing for its submission to the voters of the State of Texas, as re-

quired by the Constitution, and making an appropriation therefor,

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly engrossed.

RICHARDSON, Vice-Chairman.

• REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE
ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, April 30, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 36, "An Act validating the extension of the corporate limits of cities of more than twenty-five hundred (2500) inhabitants according to the last United States census where such extension is made under the provision of any home rule charter or ordinance since the enactment of Chapter 110, General Laws of the Forty-first Legislature of the State of Texas of 1929, and validating all proceedings had, done or performed by the governing authorities of said cities or inhabitants thereof in regard to the question of the extension of city limits, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin Texas, April 30, 1930.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 397, "An Act making an appropriation to cover deficiencies in appropriations heretofore made for the support of the Judiciary Department of the State government of the fiscal years ending August 31, 1923, 1925, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931, and for authorized deficiencies for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1931, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

FORTY-NINTH DAY.

(Continued.)

(Saturday, May 2, 1931)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON.
JOE T. ROBINSON.

The Speaker laid before the House and had read, the following communication:

Little Rock, Ark.,
April 29, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas.

My dear Mr. Speaker: I am highly honored by the action of the House of Representatives in adopting the resolution inviting me to deliver an address to the Legislature of the State of Texas, and sincerely regret that I am unable to designate a time when I may avail myself of the privilege of doing so. May I state that my entire time for the next few weeks has already been pledged. I sincerely wish that conditions would permit me to accept.

There is no subject in which I am more profoundly interested than the preservation of harmony among Democrats. It is well known that members of both major political parties are divided on proposals to repeal or modify the Eighteenth Amendment, and that such proposals cannot be made the basis of partisan issues without sacrificing those economic reforms to which our organization must consecrate itself if Democrats are to achieve a national victory in 1932.

Please express to the House of Representatives my grateful appreciation for the courtesy extended me, and assure its members of my best wishes for the success of their labors.

With cordial greetings, sincerely yours,

JOE T. ROBINSON.

HOUSE BILL NO. 46 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as a special order for this hour, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the conservation, preservation and rehabilitation of the soils of this State, the elimination and prevention of agricultural and horticultural plant diseases and insects, by means of rotation of crops and otherwise; creating the Farm Conservation Commission; providing for the appointment of certain members of said Commission and for the